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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A baseball batting practice device comprising:
 - a base plate having a top face and a center axle extending upright beyond the top face;
 - a toothed disc mounted to the top face of the base plate and concentric with the center axle;
 - an elongate bar having a first end rotatably mounted to the center axle and a second end distant from the center axle;
 - a pawl member movably mounted to the bar and having teeth formed on an end thereby, the pawl member being biased by a resilient member to have the teeth thereof engaging the toothed disc; and
 - an upright stand mounted to the bar and forming a receptacle adapted to receive and support a baseball therein for being batted by a player.
2. (Original) The baseball batting practice device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the resilient member comprises a helical spring having opposite ends respectively attached to the bar and the pawl member to provide a biasing force therebetween.
3. (Currently Amended) The baseball batting practice device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the center axle comprises a threaded rod extending through a hole defined in the first end of the bar and engaging a nut to secure the bar on the base plate while allowing for rotation of the bar with respect to the base plate about the center axle.

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4. (Original) The baseball batting practice device as claimed in Claim 3 further comprising a washer interposed between the bar and the nut.
5. (Original) The baseball batting practice device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the baseball receptacle of the stand comprises a conical cavity defined in an upper end of the stand.
6. (Original) The baseball batting practice device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the bar has a bottom wall in which slits are defined to movably receive guide tabs formed on the pawl member for guiding the movement of the pawl member with respect to the bar.
7. (Currently Amended) The ~~portable storage~~ baseball batting practice device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the bar comprises a channel member having a top wall in which an elongate slot is defined and forming an opening at the second end of the bar, a slide being movably received in the channel and having a threaded rod extending therefrom through the slot in a movable manner, the stand having a lower end in which an inner-threaded hole is defined to engage the threaded rod of the slide whereby the stand is allowed to be ~~allow to~~ linearly displaceable with respect to the center axle in a radial direction.
8. (Original) The baseball batting practice device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the base plate comprises a home plate.